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In re application of:

RYOU NAKAGAKI

Application No.: 09/823,638

Filed: March 30, 2001

For: **METHOD FOR CLASSIFYING
DEFECTS AND DEVICE FOR THE
SAME**

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 6928

Examiner: Jeffery A. Shapiro

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 17, 2004, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.